The Bath Comedy

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While the chaise described an irre-proachable curve round the yard her nick glance had embraced every element of the scene. Sir Jasper's bulky figure, with folded arms, was leaning against the post of the inn door awaitg her approach-retribution personiged - capriciously illumined by the orange rays of the landlord's lantern. Out in the moonlight, shining in his pearl gray satin and powdered head. all silver from crest to shoe buckle, like the prince of fairy lore, sat Stafford on his window ledge, as gallant a picture to a woman's eye, the widow had time to think, as one could wish to ee on such a night.

"Oh," she thought, "how we are going to enjoy ourselves at last!"

And, being too true an artist to consider her mere personal convenience upon a question of effect, she resolved to defer the crisis to the ripe moment, to matter at what cost. Accordingly, even as O'Hara cried out in tones of surprise and disgust, "Thunder and turf, my darling, if there isn't now that blethering ox, Sir Jasper!" Mistress Kitty instantly covered her face with her lace and swooned away on the Irishman's breast.

Sir Jasper charged the coach door. "Biethering oz." he bellowed. "l'li teach you, sir, what I am! I'll teach hat woman. I'll-Fil"-

Here Stafford sprang lightly to the seue. "For heaven's sake," said he, think of our names as gentlemen! Let it be swords or pistols, Jasper, or swords and pistols, if you like, but not fisticuffs and collaring. Be quiet, Jas-per. And you, sir," said he to O'Hara sternly as he could for the tripping of his laughter, "having done your best to add that to a gentleman's head think it generous to give his condition

"Ob, hush!" cried O'Hara in too ep distress to pay attention either to ibuse or banter. "Give me room, gentiemen, for God's sake! Don't you see the lady has fainted?"

With lufinite precaution and tendergess he emerged from the chaise with his burden, elbowing from his path on one side the curious and officious landlord, on the other the struggling

"Oh, what have I done at all!" cried the distracted lover as the inertness of the weight in his arms began to fill him with apprehension for his dear. "Sure, alanna, there's nothing to be afraid of! Sure, am I not here? Och,

me darling, if"-But here Sir Jasper escaped from his friend's control. "I'll not stand it." oried he. "'Tis more than flesh and How dare you hold her?" He fell upon O'Hara in the rear and seized

alm, throttling, round the neck. divil!" yelled O'Hara in a rury no whit less violent than that of his assailant.

Thus cried be, and choked. In the scuffle they had reached the

"Ob. Jasper, Jasper, in the name of decency!" protested Stafford, valuly andeavoring to pluck the baronet from Denis, lad, I entreat of you cease to provoke him. Zooks, my boy, remember he has some prior claim-what shall I say? Some little vested inter-

"I'll stuff him with his own red bair!' asseverated Sir Jasper, forming from O'Hara's elbow, he fell back, staggering, into Stafford's power.

"Prior claims-vested interest, is it! Some of you will have to swallow those words before I'll be got to swallow anything here," swore Denis O'Hara, almost gayly, in the exaltation of his Celtic rage. "Sure, 'tis mad, I know ye are, lepping mad, Sir Jasper, but ought you not to be ashamed of yourself before the lady? quivering with the fright. Lie here, my angel," said he, vibrating from the loudest note of defiance to the tenderest cooing. "Lie here; there's not a ha porth to frighten ye were there fifty such twopenny old crazy weather cocks crowing at you!"

So saying, he deposited his burthen enderly in the leather winged armchair by the fireplace and turned with a buoyant step toward Sir Jasper,

"Come out," said he, "come out, sir." Sure, leave him alone, Tom, 'tis the only way to quiet him at all. Sure, after our little game the other night, wasn't he that dovelike, poor, fellow, a child might have milked bim?"

The quivering form in the chair here emitted a scale of hysterical little notes that seemed wrung from her by the

most irrepressible emotion. And-"Oh, oh," exclaimed Mr. Stafford, unable, in the midst of his laughter, still staring, as if by the sheer fixing to retain any further grip upon his

"My darling," once more began the solicitous O'Hara, turning his head able to follow any current but the round toward the armchair, but— muddy whirl of his own thoughts. round toward the armchair, but-

"Judas!" hissed Sir Jasper, and furi-

Irishman and his in intion, "Faith," cried Stafford, "Can't you cover that head of yours somehow, O'Hara? I vow the very sight of it is

still the red rag to the bull. The bull, "Ha, ha, ha!" broke, this time uncontrolled, the merriment from the

fealousy may bring a man to!"

"Musha, it's neither head nor tall I can make of the game," said O'Hara, that in his opinion, formed through "but sure it's like an angel choir to hear you laugh again, me darling." The guileless gentleman approached

bis mistress as he spoke and prepared his opinion, it is not enough for the to encircle her waist, but with a sudden sharpness she whisked berself president and the various naval offifrom his touch.

"Pray, sir," she said, "remember how we stand to each other! If I of the suits, but the navy department laugh 'tis with relief to know myself should take up the matter officially

"Safe?" be echoed, with sudden awful misgiving.

"Aye," said she, and spoke more tartly for the remorseful smiting of her which shall make his hats sit awry own heart as she marked the change for the remainder of his days, do you in his face. "You would seem to forget, sir, that you have carried me off by violence treacherously seized me themselves, and have agreed that the with your bired ruftans." Her voice uniform more than the man is at grew ever shriller as certain rumors which her expectant ears had already caught approaching now grew quite unmistakable without, and hasty steps resounded in the passage. "Oh, Mr. O'Hara, you have cruelly used by to the style of garb that was all " cried the lady. "Oh, Sir Jasper, oh, Mr. Stafford, from what a fate years ago. But, today, with the oc has your most unexpected presence here tonight thus opportunely saved

At this point she looked up and gave scream of most intense astonishment. for there, in the doorway, stood my Lord Verney, and, over his shoulder, peered the white face of Captain Spicer all puckered up with curiosity

CHAPTER XXII. TIARA sdrew himself up. He had grown all at once exceed-

Mr. Stafford, gradually recovering from his paroxysms, had beupon the scene. There was a mist of he gets shore leave for any length of doubt in his eyes as he gazed from the time, not desiring to appear convictimized but very lively lady to her spicuous and to suffer the discriminthen to the gloomy countenance of the newcomer on the threshold. There seemed to be, it struck him, a prodigious deliberation in Mistress Kitty's cry and start of surprise.

What is my pretty Bellairs up to now? Well, poor Irish Denis with all water enthusiasm, but when he goes his wits is no match for her anyhow,



"See what jealousy may bring a man to!"

and, faith, she knows it," thought be, Aloud he said, with great placidity, "Fie, fie; this is shocking to hear!" and sat, the good humored chorus to the comedy, on the edge of the table, waiting for the development of the next scene.

Sir Jasper, wiping a beaded brow and of his bloodshot eye he could turn these disappointing puppets into the proper objects of his vengeance, was quite un

Lord Verney alone it was, therefore ously interposed his bulk between the who rose at all to Mistress Kitty's sit-

"Are you the scoundrel, then," said he, marching upon O'Hara, "who dared to lay hands upon an unprotected lady in the very streets of Bath?"

"Monstrous!" remarked Captain Spi-cer behind him. Then jogging his patron's elbow, "'Twas well spoke, Ver ney, man. At him again; there's blood

(To Be Continued.)

NAVAL UNIFORMS

for alleged discrimination against them while in -uniform, remarked years of service both here and abroad it is the uniform and not the mac which is discriminated against. In cers interested in these cases to contribute privately to the prosecution with a view to determining just what It is that the public seems to find wrong withr the nation's blue jackets, as the effect of this social ostracism upon the morals of the force is not good. Other officials at the navy de partment have similarly expressed uniform more than the man is at fault. Though the day of the real sailor has passed, with the evolution from sailing craft to the modern battleship, the navy has clung tenacious very well a hundred or even fifts cupation of a saflor gone, he has be come on a man-of-war merely a part of its intricate machinery; he is a gunner now, or an assistant in gunnery, a worker among and a handles of metals and machinery and mechan ical and automatical appliances, His former occupation is but a mere mem ory, and it is simply furthering a fiction to stick to the old-style ap parel. The men, too, are thoroughly tired of it. Nearly every enlisted man who has come from anywhere but the slums keeps a suit of civilian ation which must come to him when he appears in his sailor's rig. It is just this feature, so naval officers say, which has to do with the great desertion problem. A young man will enlist in the navy filled with salt ashore and finds himself barred from the places and associations which before enlistment were opened to him without anyone looking askance at his clothes, he is naturally sensitive, and the uniform which he wears instead of being a garb of honor be congressmen of both parties and comes one of distaste-so he deserts. prominent public and professional With this belief gaining new supporters every day in naval and civil dertaken to bring home to the people circles, it cannot be long before congress will take a hand and authorize their asking of congress just what new and more satisfactory uniforms they want in the way of improvefor the most patriotic organization of our whole great country today-the

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Then, on ligito, Mr. Stafford approached and peoped round the wing of the armchair. He looked, and seemed blasted with stagisliment-looked again and made the rafters fring with the treatment of the transportation of the

ers about the man who wandered over the globe in vain search of a fourhis home again, a broken-down and decrepit old man, threw himself down in his front yard and unwittingly pillowed his head on a whole bed of four-leaf clovers. The moral to be gleaned from this little story ris applicable today to the American dollar, penetrating to the fartherest corners of the globe in a mad desire to monopolize the trade of every country, they have been utterly ob livious to the dollars to be saved right here at home. This country & its development has been along the lines of least resistance or effort. I has had the raw material or the fin ished product to export and has ex ported it, in the quickest way possi-When the railroads came into prominence with the cast and west olonization movement in-this coun try, our people seized on them as the quickest and most reliable means o ommodity-transportation and le water transportation, like a broken toy, slip to the floor, useless and for gotten. Although the railroad rates have gradually decreased as the roads were extended and improvements introduced they are still much nigher than water rates of old, and of late the people aroused to action by the ever-increasing demands of the railroads, have come to realize that our rivers afford what is indeed and, following the lead of the na ional rivers and harbors congres and kindred organizations, they have begun a concerted action looking toward a national organization of the country's transportation system and the rehabilitation of the long-neglect of rivers and harbors of the country. Four Route," No. 259 Fourth Ave., or So long have these been neglected write to that nothing short of the most liberal treatment on the part of the nation will be effective in benefiting the whole country, and it is the whole country that needs benefiting. Therefore, the rivers and harbors con gress, backed and sanctioned most heartily in its efforts by senators and

Japanese Sardines.

men throughout the country, has un-

of the United States the necessity of

ments to our national waterways. In

this way, and this way only, can the

desired ends be secured-nothing

short of a concerted, systematic de-

Japan has invaded a new field and one which, while it does not come as rival to home industries, does offeet the people of the United States in that this country offers the best market of this new production-canned sardines. Of course, canned sardines sardines from Japan are. This tiny hotel in the city. member of the finny tribe abounds in great numbers in Japanese waters and heretofore the surplus of the always heavy catch after the demands of home consump'lon have been met has been utilized as fertilizer on Japan's farms. Of late, however, numerous canning establishments have been started at various places with a view of competing with the Mediterranean product in far eastern and American markets, at least. As far as taste and quality go, it is said ABRAM L. WEIL & Japan's product is somewhat better than the European, and our sarding eating citizens may soon expect to find their sardine cans covered with Japanese hieroglyphics instead of the more familiar and easily deciphered

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